

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St. Bernard Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening prayer by Fr. Anthony. Austen Lake provided the spiritual reflection focusing on the cleansing of your spiritual heart. The Parish Council read the mission statement.

The June 6, 2017 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Lynne Huelsmann, Austen Lake, Stefanie Rickhoff

Members Not Present: Luke Niemeyer, Stacy Schroeder, Jim Williams, Brian Zurliene

Ex-officio Administrative: Fr. Anthony Onyango (present)
Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Steve Schomaker (present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Jeanette "Nettie" Broeckling (present)

Guest: Dan Love (Finance Council representative)

OFFICERS: **President:** Kris Anne Becker
Vice-President: Jim Williams
Secretary: Lynette Huegen

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Building and Maintenance: Brian Zurliene
Education: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer
Liturgy: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff
Parish Partnership: Luke Niemeyer

PARISH LIFE:

- The June 6, 2017 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Nettie Broeckling and Steve Schomaker met with the Diocesan Vicar General during the prior week and again on this day. Any potential rectory renovations or real estate purchases will be put on hold, as the future pastoral plan requires any purchases or renovations to be submitted as a resolution to the Diocese. The combining of additional parishes may come to fruition sooner rather than later.
- The Parish and Finance Councils will meet next week Tuesday, August 8 at 6 pm to divide up the list of Parishioners who have not yet purchased the Feast of St. Bernard raffle tickets and contact them. Deacon Glenn will also mention this in the Masses.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Dan Love stated that there has been a minor change to the budget regarding mileage reimbursements and stipends regarding funerals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- There will be a follow up in mid-August with Swing City regarding the sound system.

Education

- Deacon Glenn provided a Faith Formation update. The new teachers have been named, as well as the 5 Mater Dei students who will be helping.
- The adult bible education continues.
- Deacon Glenn also stated that the Youth Ministry softball season concluded, and a group of 15 youth went to Holiday World in June.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, August 6 at St. Damian's.

Liturgy

- Assumption Masses will be held on August 14 at St. Damian's and August 15 at St. Bernard's.
- Deacon Glenn recommended reading the Apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis called Amoris Laetitia.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The revised Parish Council Constitution was approved through email.
- Fr. Anthony recommended that the Parish Council continue to read the Rebuilt book, and the Council will discuss the first 3 chapters at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Discuss the Rebuilt book (first 3 chapters).
- Update on the sound system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None at this time.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen